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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 and 16-19 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 6 and 8-12 have been amended. Claims 2-4 and 6-15 are pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

The disclosure is objected to as being informal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 3 has been corrected, as required. Figure 9 has been corrected as shown in the attached Replacement Drawings. In regard to the objection to Figure 1, please note that reference numeral 11b is mentioned on page 16, line 8 ("reference numerals 11a, 11b and 11c in FIG. 1 denote the flow of each supplied material").

Claims 6-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 6 has been amended to obviate the rejection.

Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Yamaoka. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 9-11, as amended, depend from any one of claims 2-4 and 6, and should be allowable along with such claims and for other reasons.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Yamaoka in view of Fronk. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 8, as amended, depends from any one of claims 2-4 and 6, and should be allowable along with such claims and for other reasons.

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Allowance of the application is solicited.

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